Police Complaints Board Minutes of Regular Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, May 20, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Location: Meeting was conducted via video conference

PCB Members Present:

• Bobbi Strang

- Kurt Vorndran, Acting Chair
- Jeffrey Tignor (joined the meeting late)

PCB Members Absent:

- Paul Ashton
- Commander Morgan Kane

OPC Staff Present:

- Alicia Yass, Acting Deputy Director
- Mona Andrews, Chief Investigator
- Anthony Lawrence, Senior Investigator
- Marissa Landeis, Research Analyst

Public Members Present:

• none

Meeting Agenda:

I. Call to Order

Mr. Vorndran called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Board roll call. Bobbi Strang and Kurt Vorndran present. Jeffrey Tignor was not present at the start of the meeting.

II. Public Comment Period

None

III. Adoption of Minutes:

There was not a quorum at this point of the meeting, so the minutes were delayed to later on the agenda.

IV. Old Business

None

V. Agency Report

Ms. Yass gave a summary of the agency report.

The Office of Police Complaints is fully operational but continues to be on a partial telework schedule. Plan to open the office to the public starting July 12, 2021. Several services will continue to be permitted to operate virtually to allow OPC to be responsive to the needs of customers whether that be virtual or in-person.

FY 22 budget is delayed due to Mayor budget deadline being pushed to May 27, 2021. OPC budget hearing will be on June 17, 2021.

Today, May 20, 2021, was the first hearing by the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee on the Police Reform Commission Report. Director Tobin testified.

Use of Force Report was published on April 26, 2021

Mid-year Report was published on April 29, 2021

Staffing updates:

Investigators Samantha Jeffrey and Jeff Davis have left the agency. There were already 2 investigator vacancies, so now all 4 will be posted to be filled at the same time.

Investigations:

Ms. Andrews presented the Investigation statistics.

The open case rate is under 100, which has not happened in a long time.

Filling the investigator vacancies will help to keep the cases moving along.

(Mr. Tignor joined the meeting)

VI. Adoption of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 18, 2021 PCB regular meeting. Ms. Strang made a motion to approve the minutes. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

VII. New Business

Discussion of whether to hold a Board Meeting in July or have the next Board Meeting be in September. The present members decided to let the decision be at the discretion of Board Chair, Paul Ashton.

VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Mr. Tignor moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Strang seconded. It was then unanimously approved by all members. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:23pm. The next Board meeting will be held in either July or September, at the discretion of the Board Chair, Paul Ashton.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Executive Director, Alicia Yass